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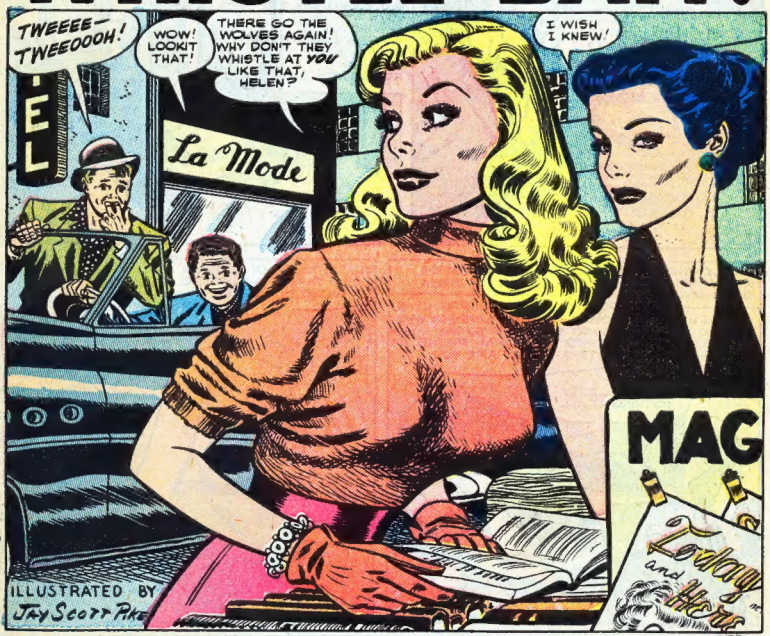
I WANTED LOVE AND ROMANCE, JUST LIKE ANY GIRL... BUT I DIDN'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE...

WHISTLE BAIT!



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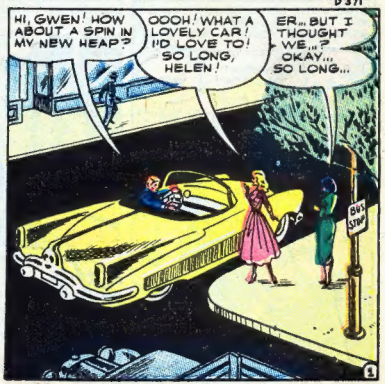
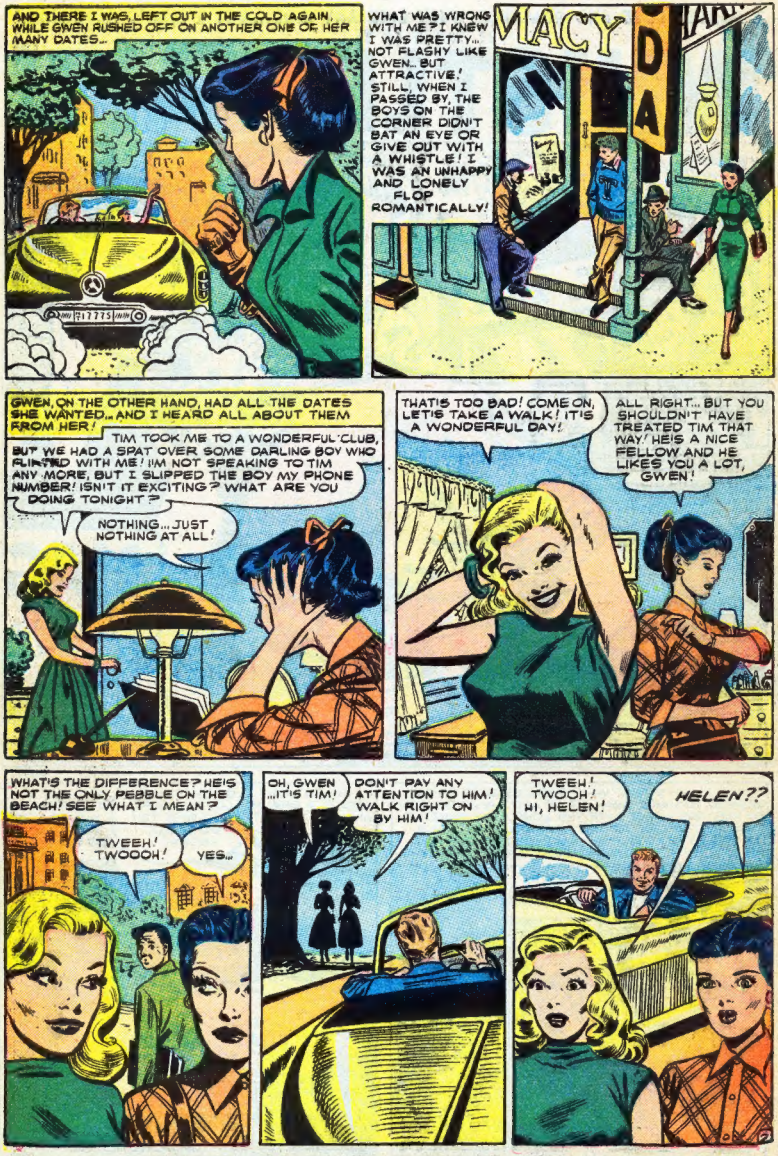
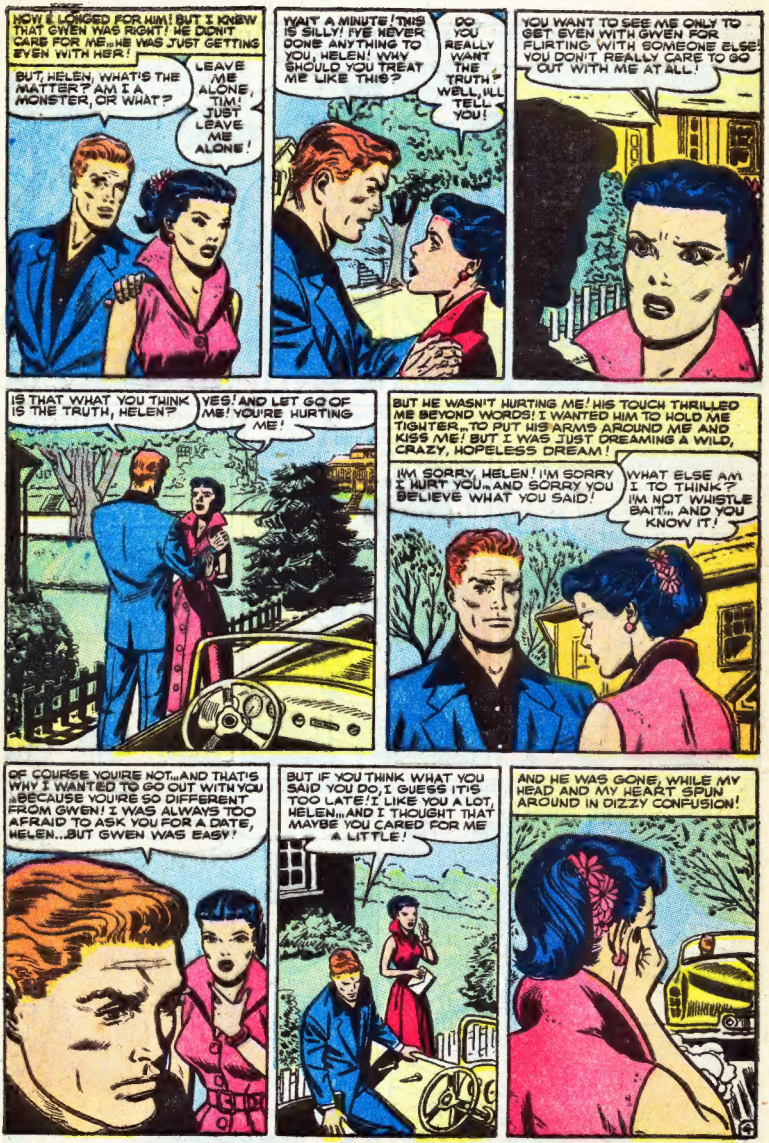
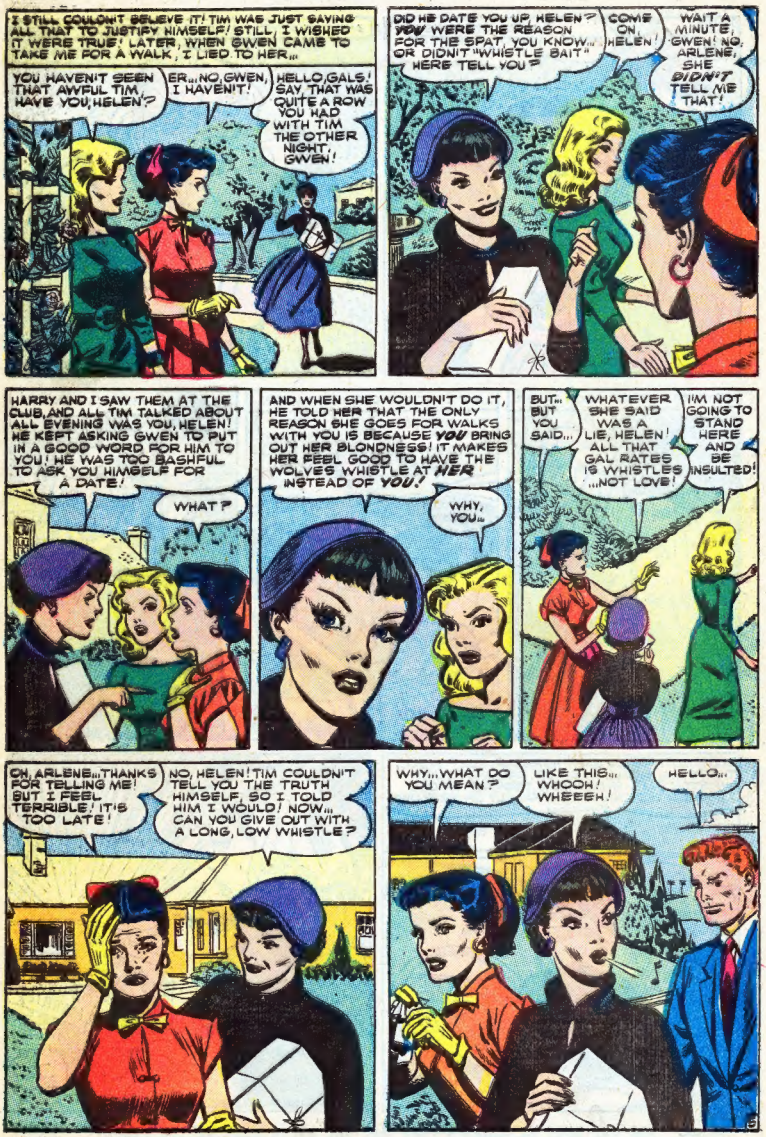
IT WAS ALWAYS THAT WAY! GWEN, MY BEST FRIEND, SEEMED TO MAKE THEM SIT UP AND PAY ATTENTION TO HER, AND MAKE WITH THE LONG, LOW WHISTLE THAT IS THE CRY OF THE APPRECIATIVE MALE TO THE ATTRACTIVE FEMALE! BUT NO ONE PAID ANY ATTENTION TO ME! I JUST WASN'T THE TYPE!
MAN! DIG THAT COOL BLONDE!

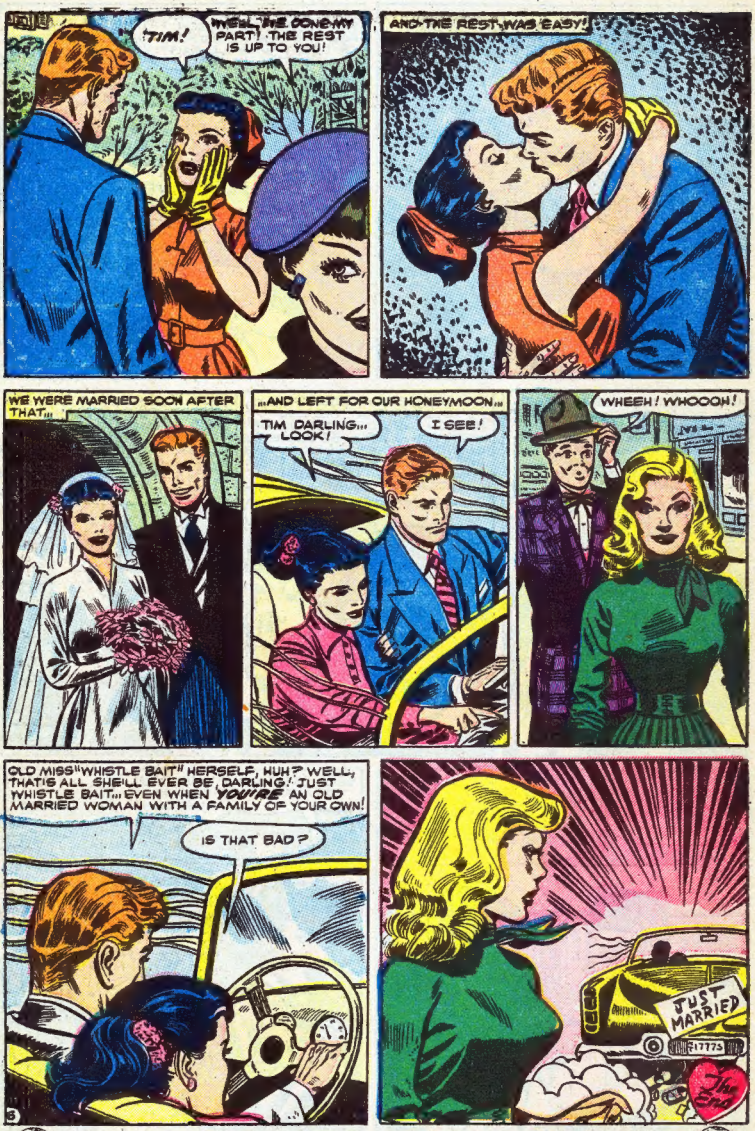

HI, GWEN! HOW ABOUT A SPIN IN MY NEW HEAP?
OOOH! WHAT A LOVELY CAR! I'D LOVE TO! SO LONG, HELEN!
ER... BUT I THOUGHT WE...? OKAY... SO LONG...
DON'T STOP


AND THERE I WAS, LEFT OUT IN THE COLD AGAIN, WHILE GWEN RUSHED OFF ON ANOTHER ONE OF HER MANY DATES...
WHAT WAS WRONG WITH ME? I KNEW I WAS PRETTY... NOT FLASHY LIKE GWEN.. BUT ATTRACTIVE! STILL, WHEN I PASSED BY, THE BOYS ON THE CORNER DIDN'T BAT AN EYE OR GIVE OUT WITH A WHISTLE! I WAS AN UNHAPPY AND LONELY FLOP ROMANTICALLY!
MACY
DA
GWEN, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAD ALL THE DATES SHE WANTED... AND I HEARD ALL ABOUT THEM FROM HER!
TIM TOOK ME TO A WONDERFUL CLUB, BUT WE HAD A SPAT OVER SOME DARLING BOY WHO FLIRTED WITH ME! I'M NOT SPEAKING TO TIM ANY MORE, BUT I SLIPPED THE BOY MY PHONE NUMBER! ISN'T IT EXCITING? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TONIGHT?
NOTHING... JUST NOTHING AT ALL!
THAT'S TOO BAD! COME ON, LET'S TAKE A WALK! IT'S A WONDERFUL DAY!
ALL RIGHT... BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TREATED TIM THAT WAY! HE'S A NICE FELLOW AND HE LIKES YOU A LOT, GWEN!
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? HE'S NOT THE ONLY PEBBLE ON THE BEACH! SEE WHAT I MEAN?
TWEEH! TWOOOH!
YES...
OH, GWEN ...IT'S TIM!
DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO HIM! WALK RIGHT ON BY HIM!
TWEEH! TWOOH! HI, HELEN!
HELEN??

WANT TO GO FOR A RIDE, HELEN?
COME ON, HELEN! THE NERVE OF HIM!
BUT, GWEN...
I'D LIKE TO GO! TIM'S NICE AND HE'S...
HE'S JUST TRYING TO MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME! HELEN, IF YOU SEE HIM, I'LL NEVER TALK TO YOU AGAIN! NOW I'VE GOT TO GET HOME! THAT NICE BOY MAY CALL ME UP!
I COULDN'T TELL GWEN OR ANYBODY ELSE WHAT I REALLY FELT ABOUT TIM! I WAS IN LOVE WITH HIM, BUT HE'D NEVER PAID ANY ATTENTION TO ME UNTIL NOW... WHEN HE ONLY DID IT TO SPITE GWEN!
TA-TA, HELEN! HAVE FUN... WITH YOUR BOOKS! AND DON'T FORGET WHAT I SAID ABOUT TIM!
I... I WON'T!
WHEN I GOT HOME...
HELEN, TIM'S ON THE PHONE! HE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU!
I... I'M NOT HOME, MOM!
I WANTED TO TALK TO HIM MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD... I WANTED TO BE WITH HIM... TO HAVE HIM HOLD ME... KISS ME! BUT IT JUST WASN'T MEANT TO BE! I WANTED TO BE WHISTLE BAIT... NOT A SPITE DATE!
TIM TRIED TO CALL ME MANY TIMES, BUT WHEN THAT FAILED, HE WROTE TO ME! I TORE UP HIS LETTERS... MY HEART BREAKING!
AND THEN HE WAITED FOR ME...
HELEN, I'VE GOT TO TALK TO YOU!
YOU'RE... YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME! I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO YOU!


HOW I LONGED FOR HIM! BUT I KNEW THAT GWEN WAS RIGHT! HE DIDN'T CARE FOR ME... HE WAS JUST GETTING EVEN WITH HER!
BUT, HELEN, WHAT'S THE MATTER? AM I A MONSTER, OR WHAT?
LEAVE ME ALONE, TIM! JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
WAIT A MINUTE! THIS IS SILLY! I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING TO YOU, HELEN! WHY SHOULD YOU TREAT ME LIKE THIS?
DO YOU REALLY WANT THE TRUTH? WELL, I'LL TELL YOU!
YOU WANT TO SEE ME ONLY TO GET EVEN WITH GWEN FOR FLIRTING WITH SOMEONE ELSE! YOU DON'T REALLY CARE TO GO OUT WITH ME AT ALL!
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK IS THE TRUTH, HELEN?
YES! AND LET GO OF ME! YOU'RE HURTING ME!
BUT HE WASN'T HURTING ME! HIS TOUCH THRILLED ME BEYOND WORDS! I WANTED HIM TO HOLD ME TIGHTER... TO PUT HIS ARMS AROUND ME AND KISS ME! BUT I WAS JUST DREAMING A WILD, CRAZY, HOPELESS DREAM!
I'M SORRY, HELEN! I'M SORRY I HURT YOU... AND SORRY YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU SAID!
WHAT ELSE AM I TO THINK? I'M NOT WHISTLE BAIT... AND YOU KNOW IT!
OF COURSE YOU'RE NOT... AND THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO GO OUT WITH YOU ...BECAUSE YOU'RE SO DIFFERENT FROM GWEN! I WAS ALWAYS TOO AFRAID TO ASK YOU FOR A DATE, HELEN...BUT GWEN WAS EASY!
BUT IF YOU THINK WHAT YOU SAID YOU DO, I GUESS IT'S TOO LATE! I LIKE YOU A LOT, HELEN... AND I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE YOU CARED FOR ME A LITTLE!
AND HE WAS GONE, WHILE MY HEAD AND MY HEART SPUN AROUND IN DIZZY CONFUSION!


I STILL COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! TIM WAS JUST SAVING ALL THAT TO JUSTIFY HIMSELF! STILL, I WISHED IT WERE TRUE! LATER, WHEN GWEN CAME TO TAKE ME FOR A WALK, I LIED TO HER...
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THAT AWFUL TIM HAVE YOU, HELEN?
ER...NO, GWEN, I HAVEN'T!
HELLO, GALS! SAY THAT WAS QUITE A ROW YOU HAD WITH TIM THE OTHER NIGHT, GWEN!
DID HE DATE YOU UP, HELEN? YOU WERE THE REASON FOR THE SPAT, YOU KNOW... OR DIDN'T "WHISTLE BAIT" HERE TELL YOU?
COME ON, HELEN!
WAIT A MINUTE, GWEN! NO, ARLENE, SHE DIDN'T TELL ME THAT!
HARRY AND I SAW THEM AT THE CLUB, AND ALL TIM TALKED ABOUT ALL EVENING WAS YOU, HELEN! HE KEPT ASKING GWEN TO PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR HIM TO YOU! HE WAS TOO BASHFUL TO ASK YOU HIMSELF FOR A DATE!
WHAT?
AND WHEN SHE WOULDN'T DO IT, HE TOLD HER THAT THE ONLY REASON SHE GOES FOR WALKS WITH YOU IS BECAUSE YOU BRING OUT HER BLONDNESS! IT MAKES HER FEEL GOOD TO HAVE THE WOLVES WHISTLE AT HER INSTEAD OF YOU!
WHY, YOU...
BUT... BUT YOU SAID...
WHATEVER SHE SAID WAS A LIE, HELEN! ALL THAT GAL RATES IS WHISTLES ...NOT LOVE!
I'M NOT GOING TO STAND HERE AND BE INSULTED!
OH, ARLENE... THANKS FOR TELLING ME! BUT I FEEL TERRIBLE! IT'S TOO LATE!
NO, HELEN! TIM COULDN'T TELL YOU THE TRUTH HIMSELF, SO I TOLD HIM I WOULD! NOW... CAN YOU GIVE OUT WITH A LONG, LOW WHISTLE?
WHY... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
LIKE THIS... WHOOH! WHEEEH!
HELLO...


TIM!
WELL, THAT'S DONE MY PART! THE REST IS UP TO YOU!
AND THE REST WAS EASY!
WE WERE MARRIED SOON AFTER THAT...
...AND LEFT FOR OUR HONEYMOON...
TIM DARLING... LOOK!
I SEE!
WHEEH! WHOOOH!
OLD MISS "WHISTLE BAIT" HERSELF, HUH? WELL, THAT'S ALL SHE'LL EVER BE, DARLING! JUST WHISTLE BAIT... EVEN WHEN YOU'RE AN OLD MARRIED WOMAN WITH A FAMILY OF YOUR OWN!
IS THAT BAD?
JUST MARRIED
THE END
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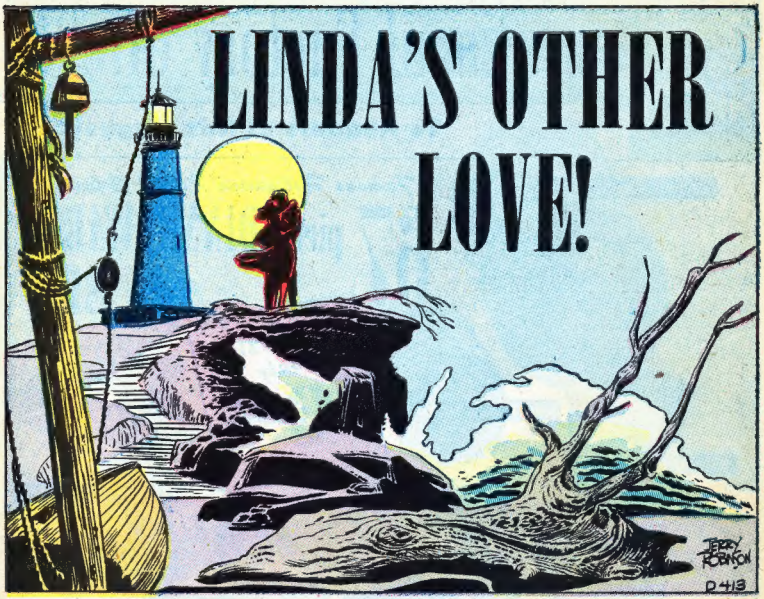
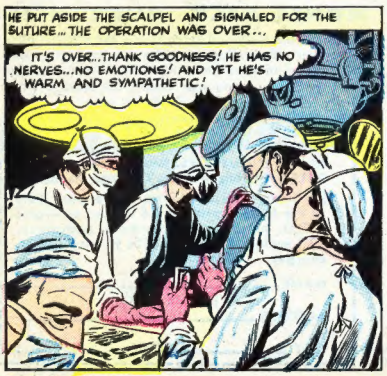


THE SILENCE OF THE OPERATING ROOM WAS PUNCTUATED BY THE RHYTHMIC SOUNDS OF THE OXYGEN MACHINE, THE TICKING OF THE CLOCK AND THE ODDLY CRISP SOUNDS OF THE SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS! I WATCHED HERBERT LAMBERT'S DEFT, EFFICIENT HANDS AND WONDERED WHETHER MY AFFECTION FOR HIM WAS INFLUENCED BY MY ADMIRATION FOR HIS SKILL AS A SURGEON...


HE PUT ASIDE THE SCALPEL AND SIGNALED FOR THE SUTURE... THE OPERATION WAS OVER...
IT'S OVER...THANK GOODNESS! HE HAS NO NERVES...NO EMOTIONS! AND YET HE'S WARM AND SYMPATHETIC!

THAT GIRL WILL BE WHIRLING ABOUT IN A BALLROOM TWENTY DAYS FROM NOW! SOMETIMES THE MIRACLE OF MODERN SURGERY AMAZES ME!
IT ALWAYS HAS AMAZED ME...AND ALWAYS WILL! I WONDER ABOUT YOU THOUGH! IT'S ALL VERY IMPERSONAL TO YOU, ISN'T IT?
WHEN I WAS A STUDENT IT WAS VERY PERSONAL, BUT NOW I SUPPOSE MY REACTIONS HAVE BEEN DULLED!
THAT ALWAYS PUZZLED ME... THAT JEKYLL AND HYDE ATTITUDE! HOW DO YOU MAKE THE TRANSITION TO OTHER PEOPLE...WOMEN FOR EXAMPLE!
LINDA, THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE ALTOGETHER! YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU! IT'S COMPLETELY DETACHED FROM SURGERY... FROM MEDICINE!
HE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS, AND I WAS HAPPY! HIS LIPS KISSED AWAY THE PECULIAR DOUBTS I HAD ABOUT MY FEELINGS TOWARDS HIM...
NO USE GOING BACK TO THE OFFICE NOW! IT'S TOO LATE! HOW ABOUT RELAXING OVER A GOOD DINNER... AND MAYBE A DANCE OR TWO?
I'D LOVE TO!
AN EVENING OUT WITH HERB LAMBERT WAS PLEASANT WITHOUT BEING EXCITING...THE BEST RESTAURANTS, THE BEST PEOPLE...BUT ALWAYS QUIET AND CONSERVATIVE ...
YOU'RE RATHER QUIET TONIGHT, LINDA! AREN'T YOU ENJOYING YOURSELF?
OH YES... OF COURSE I ALWAYS ENJOY DINNER HERE!
LET'S PULL OVER AND TALK! THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY TO YOU, LINDA!
IT'S RATHER LATE, HERB! CAN IT WAIT TILL TOMORROW?

INSTINCTIVELY I KNEW WHAT HE WOULD SAY AND FOUND MYSELF WISHING I WERE MORE CERTAIN OF MYSELF...
FORGIVE MY BLUNTNESS, LINDA! I LOVE YOU, DARLING! YOU KNOW THAT! I WANT YOU TO BE MY WIFE AND I'D RATHER HEAR YOU SAY YES RIGHT NOW THAN KEEP POSTPONING IT!
WHAT IS IT BETWEEN US, LINDA? YOU SEEM UNCERTAIN! I COULD BE HAPPY WITH YOU, EVEN KNOWING YOU DON'T CARE FOR ME! WHY DO YOU REMAIN SILENT?
I DON'T KNOW, HERB! I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT US MANY TIMES AND CAN NEVER ACT DECISIVELY!
I'M AFRAID OF MYSELF, HERB! I'M NOT SURE IF WE LOVE EACH OTHER! LET ME THINK IT OVER! GIVE ME TIME!
WE WERE IN EACH OTHER'S ARMS AGAIN, BUT IN MY HEART WAS A GNAWING SEED OF INDECISION! WAS I IN LOVE WITH THIS MAN, OR WAS I OVERWHELMED BY HIS SKILL AND FAME AS A SURGEON?
I COULDN'T SLEEP THAT NIGHT! MY THOUGHTS WERE SPINNING A WEB OF EXAGGERATED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US.. HERB AND I...
WHAT ELSE COULD I ASK FOR? A MAN WHO LOVES ME... SUCCESSFUL, HANDSOME! WHY AM I SO TROUBLED OVER HERB?
NEXT MORNING HE AVOIDED THE SUBJECT...
HERE ARE A COUPLE OF TICKETS TO THE ASSOCIATED HOSPITAL SHINDIG, LINDA! MAYBE YOU'LL MEET SOME YOUNG INTERN WITH MORE APPEAL THAN I HAVE!
THANK YOU, DOCTOR!
I WENT TO THAT AFFAIR WITH A VENGEANCE, A SECRET DESIRE TO HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME IN SPITE OF HERB'S SARCASM... AND I DID!
THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OF SHAKING THESE LEECHES LOOSE! CAN YOU SUGGEST SOMETHING, LINDA?
ABSOLUTELY NOT! I'M ENJOYING EVERY MINUTE OF IT... AND I LOVE TO BE SURROUNDED BY SUCH HANDSOME LEECHES!
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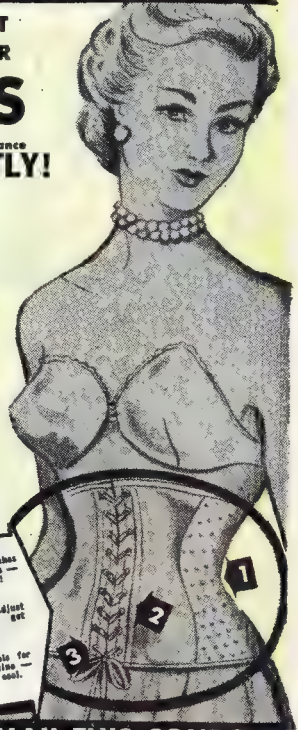

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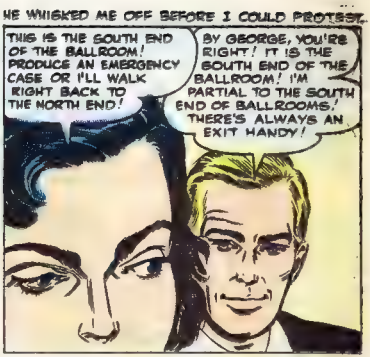
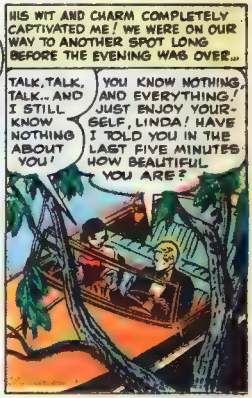
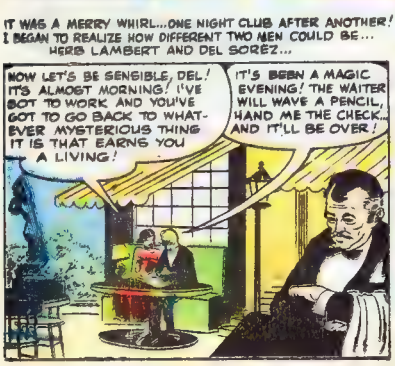
PARDON ME, BUT AN EFFICIENT NURSE IS NEEDED AT ONCE AT THE SOUTH END OF THE BALLROOM! I WAS REFERRED TO THIS CIRCLE! THE PARTY IS LOOKING FOR LINDA LANE!
I'M LINDA LANE!

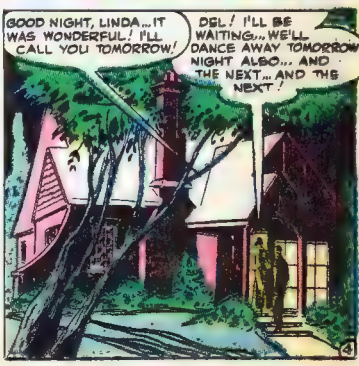

HE WHISKED ME OFF BEFORE I COULD PROTEST...
THIS IS THE SOUTH END OF THE BALLROOM! PRODUCE AN EMERGENCY CASE OR I'LL WALK RIGHT BACK TO THE NORTH END!
BY GEORGE, YOU'RE RIGHT! IT IS THE SOUTH END OF THE BALLROOM! I'M PARTIAL TO THE SOUTH END OF BALLROOMS! THERE'S ALWAYS AN EXIT HANDY!

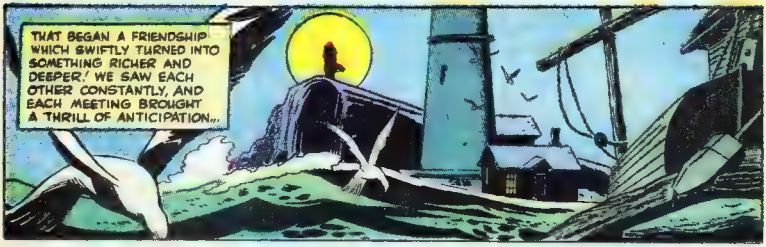
DEL SOREZ IS MY NAME! ONE DANCE AND WE'LL LEAVE! I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU SINCE YOU ENTERED... CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU!
YOU WORK FAST, MR. SOREZ, BUT I'M NOT LEAVING JUST YET... AND WHEN I DO I'LL LEAVE ALONE!

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU BEFORE! OF COURSE YOU'RE A DOCTOR OR YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE... FROM OUT OF TOWN?
A RANK OUTSIDER... AND A LOT OF PEOPLE CALL THEMSELVES DOCTORS WHO CAN'T CARVE A ROAST! I WON'T LABEL MYSELF!


HIS WIT AND CHARM COMPLETELY CAPTIVATED ME! WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO ANOTHER SPOT LONG BEFORE THE EVENING WAS OVER...
TALK, TALK, TALK... AND I STILL KNOW NOTHING ABOUT YOU!
YOU KNOW NOTHING, AND EVERYTHING! JUST ENJOY YOURSELF, LINDA! HAVE I TOLD YOU IN THE LAST FIVE MINUTES HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE?


IT WAS A MERRY WHIRL... ONE NIGHT CLUB AFTER ANOTHER! I BEGAN TO REALIZE HOW DIFFERENT TWO MEN COULD BE... HERB LAMBERT AND DEL SOREZ...
NOW LET'S BE SENSIBLE, DEL! IT'S ALMOST MORNING! I'VE GOT TO WORK AND YOU'VE GOT TO GO BACK TO WHATEVER MYSTERIOUS THING IT IS THAT EARNS YOU A LIVING!
IT'S BEEN A MAGIC EVENING! THE WAITER WILL WAVE A PENCIL, HAND ME THE CHECK... AND IT'LL BE OVER!


GOOD NIGHT, LINDA... IT WAS WONDERFUL! I'LL CALL YOU TOMORROW!
DEL! I'LL BE WAITING... WE'LL DANCE AWAY TOMORROW NIGHT ALSO... AND THE NEXT... AND THE NEXT!


THAT BEGAN A FRIENDSHIP WHICH SWIFTLY TURNED INTO SOMETHING RICHER AND DEEPER! WE SAW EACH OTHER CONSTANTLY, AND EACH MEETING BROUGHT A THRILL OF ANTICIPATION...

I LOVE YOU, DARLING! I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER THAT ALWAYS!
I'LL REMEMBER, DEL!
BUT WHY WON'T HE TELL ME WHAT KIND OF WORK HE DOES?

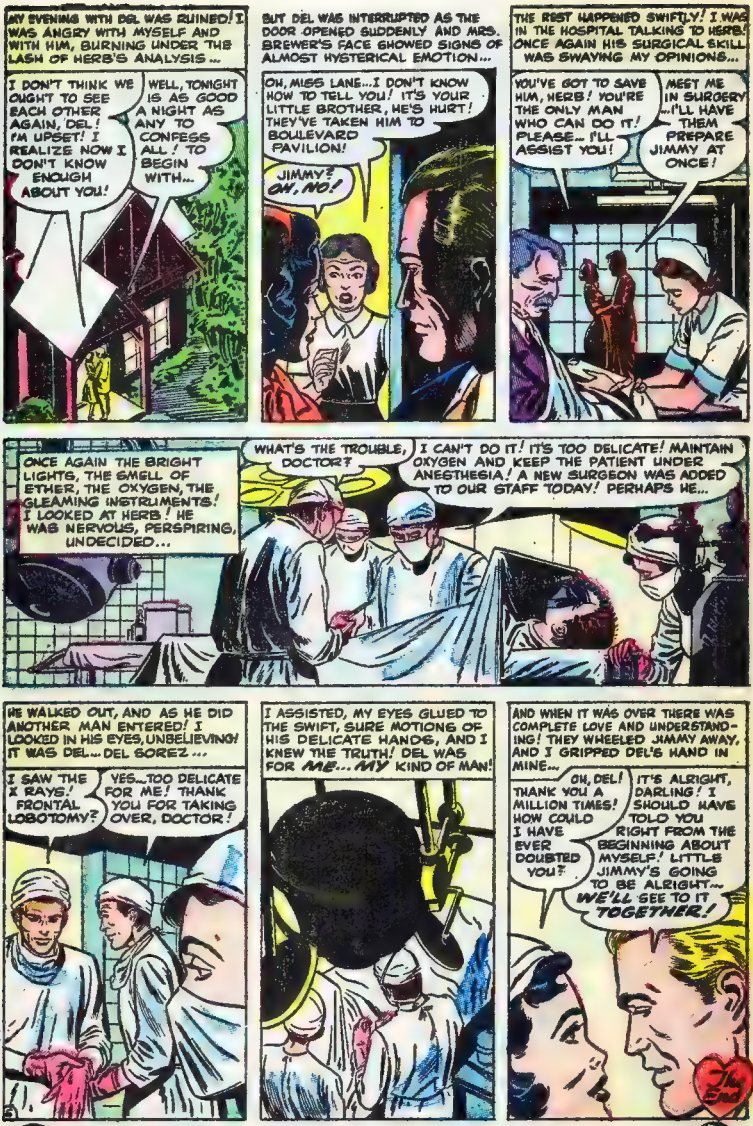
I WAS STILL WORRIED AND CONFUSED ABOUT MY FEELINGS FOR BOTH DEL AND HERB, AND THE STRANGE CONFLICT RAGED WITHIN ME UNTIL ONE MORNING...
YOU'RE LATE AGAIN, LINDA! IT ISN'T MY BUSINESS TO ASK WHY, BUT I MUST INSIST ON YOUR BEING HERE ON TIME!
I'M SORRY! IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!

LINDA, WHAT'S HAPPENED BETWEEN US? THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE, ISN'T THERE? WHO IS HE?
YES, THERE IS SOMEONE ELSE, HERB! PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY ...I DO HAVE GREAT RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR YOU, BUT...

I'VE SEEN HIM! I SAW YOU TOGETHER A FEW EVENINGS AGO! DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM?
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE DOES, BUT I'M VERY FOND OF HIM!

JUDGING BY APPEARANCES, I'D SAY HE WAS ON THE SHADY SIDE... SLICK, SUAVE, TOO SMOOTH!
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT SAYING THAT! YOU DON'T KNOW HIM... YOUR JEALOUSY IS DISTORTING YOUR JUDGMENT!

PEOPLE FALL INTO CERTAIN CATEGORIES BY THEIR NATURES, APPEARANCES, MANNERISMS! I'M RIGHT ABOUT YOUR DARK-EYED BOY FRIEND!
I HOPE YOU CAN BE PROPHETIC IN CHOOSING YOUR NEW NURSE!


MY EVENING WITH DEL WAS RUINED! I WAS ANGRY WITH MYSELF AND WITH HIM, BURNING UNDER THE LASH OF HERB'S ANALYSIS...
I DON'T THINK WE OUGHT TO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN, DEL! I'M UPSET! I REALIZE NOW I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT YOU!
WELL, TONIGHT IS AS GOOD A NIGHT AS ANY TO CONFESS ALL! TO BEGIN WITH...
BUT DEL WAS INTERRUPTED AS THE DOOR OPENED SUDDENLY AND MRS. BREWER'S FACE SHOWED SIGNS OF ALMOST HYSTERICAL EMOTION...
OH, MISS LANE...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU! IT'S YOUR LITTLE BROTHER, HE'S HURT! THEY'VE TAKEN HIM TO BOULEVARD PAVILION!
JIMMY? OH, NO!
THE REST HAPPENED SWIFTLY! I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL TALKING TO HERB! ONCE AGAIN HIS SURGICAL SKILL WAS SWAYING MY OPINIONS...
YOU'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM, HERB! YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN WHO CAN DO IT! PLEASE... I'LL ASSIST YOU!
MEET ME IN SURGERY ...I'LL HAVE THEM PREPARE JIMMY AT ONCE!
ONCE AGAIN THE BRIGHT LIGHTS, THE SMELL OF ETHER, THE OXYGEN, THE GLEAMING INSTRUMENTS! I LOOKED AT HERB! HE WAS NERVOUS, PERSPIRING, UNDECIDED...
WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, DOCTOR?
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HE WALKED OUT, AND AS HE DID ANOTHER MAN ENTERED! I LOOKED IN HIS EYES, UNBELIEVING! IT WAS DEL...DEL SOREZ...
I SAW THE X RAYS! FRONTAL LOBOTOMY?
YES...TOO DELICATE FOR ME! THANK YOU FOR TAKING OVER, DOCTOR!
I ASSISTED, MY EYES GLUED TO THE SWIFT, SURE MOTIONS OF HIS DELICATE HANDS, AND I KNEW THE TRUTH! DEL WAS FOR ME...MY KIND OF MAN!
AND WHEN IT WAS OVER THERE WAS COMPLETE LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING! THEY WHEELED JIMMY AWAY, AND I GRIPPED DEL'S HAND IN MINE...
OH, DEL! THANK YOU A MILLION TIMES! HOW COULD I HAVE EVER DOUBTED YOU?
IT'S ALRIGHT, DARLING! I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING ABOUT MYSELF! LITTLE JIMMY'S GOING TO BE ALRIGHT... WE'LL SEE TO IT TOGETHER!
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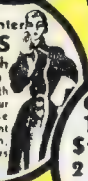

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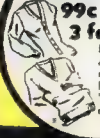

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"I hope so, Pierre," I said, with rising confidence. "I'm completely in your hands."

Just how much depended upon him, I don't think Pierre ever knew.

My special young man was arriving from Brazil in just three hours for the most important meeting in my life. At last I was going to meet Ralph Crane with whom I had fallen in love, even though I had never met him.

Our correspondence had begun upon a tragic abyss of loneliness and despair. My father, a construction engineer, had been killed by a falling girder two years before, and Ralph, as his assistant, had the bitter task of relaying the tragedy. Ralph seemed to sense my loneliness—how desperately I needed someone. We wrote more and more frequently. And then, just a week ago, his letter had come telling me that soon we would be together. He was flying to New York for his new assignment, and one glorious week would be ours.

Those next few days were tormenting. I was caught in a hopeless mesh of impatient yearning and the desire to be crushed in his embrace, yet there was one bitter truth of which Ralph had no suspicion—my plainness. Quiet, homespun features are not particularly glamorous, nor are mousy brown hair and eyes, and with a name like Carmen Montellesque, you can see how ironic it was. I could visualize, only too well, the exotic image Ralph must carry of me—an image of dark, haunting beauty. He had wanted my picture, but somehow I had always managed to avoid sending him one. Now there was no longer any way of escaping, and this realization told me that instead of staying the rest of my life in his arms, I might be sending him away forever on a wave of disillusionment.

Today, I had found courage through Pierre. Molded by his expert hands, I hoped to be changed into the kind of girl Ralph had envisioned—a Carmen Montellesque who would reflect all that the name might suggest.

The hours passed in a breathless agony of suspenseful waiting. Finally, Pierre was through. He turned me toward the mirror.

"Mademoiselle is pleased?" he asked.

The face that looked back at me was no longer mine. Instead, I beheld an image of glamorous piquancy.

"Oh, Pierre!" I gasped. "That can't be *me*!"

"Oui. Mademoiselle shall knock him for a loop," he laughed.

Armored with Pierre's artistry, I went back to my apartment to wait for Ralph, happy in my newly-found confidence. When the bell rang, silver keys rippled along my spine. I opened the door and saw the tall figure of Ralph waiting, his face deeply tanned and the most handsome man I had ever seen.

"Ralph," I whispered almost inaudibly.

I waited for him to sweep me deep in his arms. I had imagined this moment so many times. But he stood staring at me, embarrassed and smiling boyishly.

"Hello," he stammered, and added, "Carmen?" like an uncertain question. With a strong, warm pressure, he clasped my hand.

It wasn't the way I had hoped it would be. Something in Ralph's eyes and in his manner was a little tense. But from that first moment, I knew more than ever how deeply I loved him.

We dined out that evening. I think we both feared the tension of being alone; besides, Ralph had been away from the glitter of a big city for a long time, and I knew how much going out to gay places must mean to him. Later, as we said goodnight, my heart pounded wildly for the pressure of Ralph's lips on mine—but it didn't come. His eyes flickered for a moment though the smile on his face didn't change. Ralph seemed to have steeled himself

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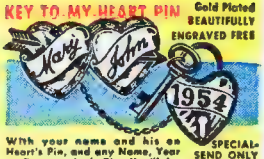

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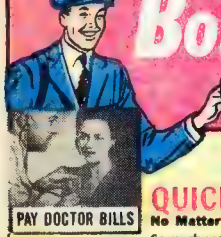

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in a way I couldn't understand, unless it was some strong, inner code which cautioned him to let our emotions be sure.

"Tomorrow again?" he asked.

"Tomorrow," I answered, blissfully, feeling a tiny thrill.

"By next week," he laughed, "you'll be glad to be rid of me."

Then he was gone.

"Oh, Ralph," I whispered to the empty hall, "a whole lifetime wouldn't be long enough with you."

As the days passed, my doubts rose insistently. Nearly all our waking hours were spent together. I was deliriously happy, except for those instances when a strange, cool aloofness crept over Ralph. Though he frowned occasionally, he kept all seriousness from his voice, and made no sign that he longed to hold me in his arms.

Then, one morning, I awoke knowing our last day had come. Ralph telephoned around ten, saying a business conference would keep him until eight that evening. My heart sank with disappointment. Now I had only one evening left in which to win him.

Suddenly a plan came, and I knew what I must do. First, I had to find a dress so beautiful that it would melt Ralph into my arms for the rest of our lives. It was a tall order, and I searched for hours, but if any dress could perform miracles, the gown which I finally chose was the one. There were slippers to match. Earrings. Perfume. I was wildly extravagant, but I was gambling for my happiness. I consulted Madame Louise for poise and charm. I needed every art and device at my command. I had to be irresistible, ravishing . . . somehow, I had to break down Ralph's steel-like barrier.

At last, I was back in my apartment. I spread out all my treasures upon the bed in readiness, and then slipped into an old sweater and blue jeans before dusting the apartment. Everything had to be perfect tonight. We would dine at home so it would be more cozy and intimate. There would be soft music and wine, and Ralph would relax and his resistance would disappear, at least I fervently hoped so.

By seven o'clock everything was ready except me. The table was set in one corner of the room. In the soft flickering candlelight, the silver would gleam and my eyes would shine. Dinner at eight-thirty. I tingled now with delicious happiness. I laughed as a passing glance of myself, in the mirror, revealed dishevelled hair and smudges across my cheeks. Not for long, I sang. I had one whole hour in which to be transformed by the magical array that waited for me.

As I started for the bathroom and my shower, the doorbell rang. "Good," I thought, "that must be the flowers." When I opened the door, my heart suddenly froze. I couldn't believe what I saw—it was Ralph! For a moment he looked at me with disbelieving eyes.

"I got through a little early—" I heard him say through the sinking chasm in which I spun. I wanted to die—to disappear. A voice inside me was crying, "This isn't possible!" but it was true. All my careful plans mocked me now. Fate had taken things into her own hands and had played a horrible trick on me. All I could feel was that Ralph was lost to me forever now. Then, in some illogical, mysterious, miraculous way, I found myself being crushed in Ralph's strong arms.

"Darling, darling, is it really you?" he was whispering against my ear.

I was trembling, uncertainly. "Ralph, you aren't disillusioned? You won't leave me now?" I cried out in anguish.

"Leave you?" I heard him laughing. "Never, my darling. You've been so beautiful, I've been afraid—"

I couldn't understand. "Afraid?" I asked.

"Yes, darling. You see, being an engineer's wife isn't very glamorous, and because I could give you so little of the luxuries you've been used to, I was afraid I couldn't make you happy."

I was crying now with happiness. Everything was mixed up, but I didn't care. "Ralph," I whispered, "I'll be yours however you want me."

"This is the way I want you," he answered. "Here, close in my arms!"

As Ralph bent down to kiss me, I caught a fleeting glimpse of my dress hanging on the bedroom door, and contentedly closing my eyes, I was grateful that my happiness hadn't depended upon such flimsy things.

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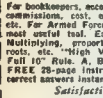

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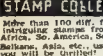

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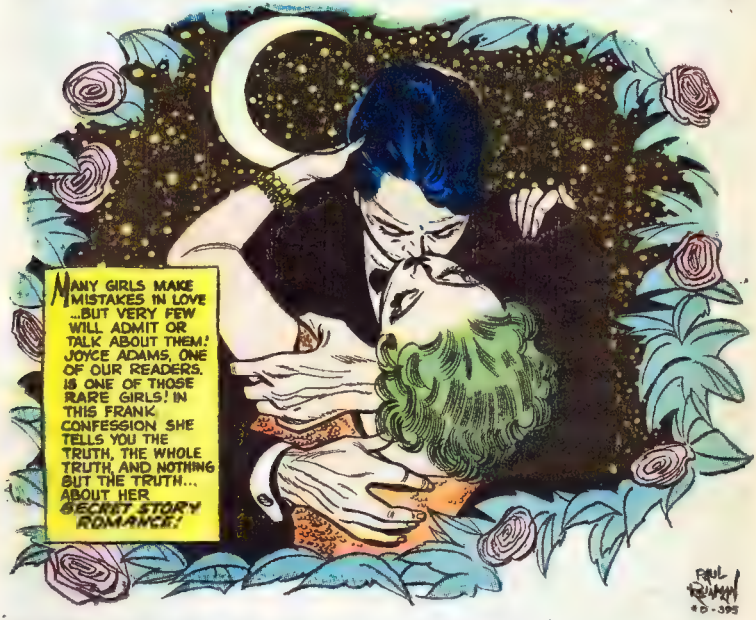
WHY HUSBANDS LEAVE HOME!


MANY GIRLS MAKE MISTAKES IN LOVE ...BUT VERY FEW WILL ADMIT OR TALK ABOUT THEM! JOYCE ADAMS, ONE OF OUR READERS, IS ONE OF THOSE RARE GIRLS! IN THIS FRANK CONFESSION SHE TELLS YOU THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH... ABOUT HER SECRET STORY ROMANCE!
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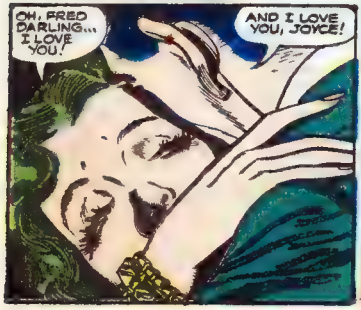
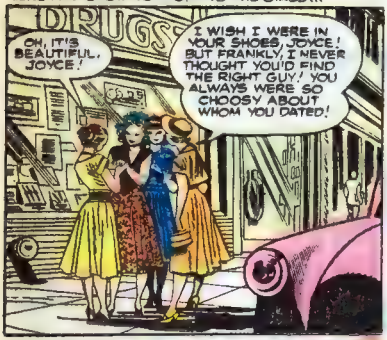
AFTER FRED WALLACH'S FIRST KISS, I KNEW THAT HE WAS "MR. RIGHT" FOR ME! AND AS WE EMBRACED, I RAISED MY LIPS TO HIS EAR AND WHISPERED THE WORDS THAT MY HEART DICTATED...



THEN WE KISSED AGAIN AND AGAIN... AND OUR KISSES SAID THINGS WHICH WORDS COULD NEVER EXPRESS...

A MONTH LATER I WAS WEARING FRED'S ENGAGEMENT RING AND SHOWING IT OFF TO THE GIRLS...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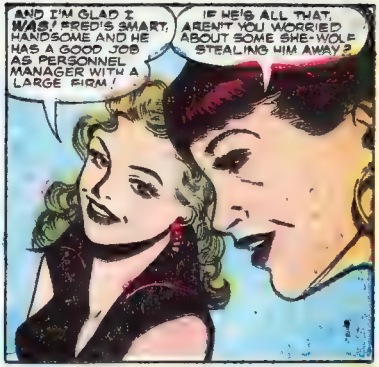
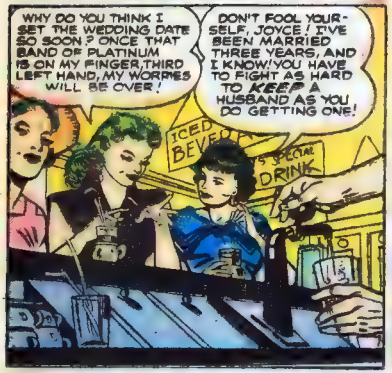
OH, IT'S BEAUTIFUL, JOYCE!
I WISH I WERE IN YOUR SHOES, JOYCE! BUT FRANKLY, I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D FIND THE RIGHT GUY! YOU ALWAYS WERE SO CHOOSY ABOUT WHOM YOU DATED!


AND I'M GLAD I WAS! FRED'S SMART, HANDSOME AND HE HAS A GOOD JOB AS PERSONNEL MANAGER WITH A LARGE FIRM!
IF HE'S ALL THAT, AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT SOME SHE-WOLF STEALING HIM AWAY?


WHY DO YOU THINK I SET THE WEDDING DATE SO SOON? ONCE THAT BAND OF PLATINUM IS ON MY FINGER, THIRD LEFT HAND, MY WORRIES WILL BE OVER!
DON'T FOOL YOURSELF, JOYCE! I'VE BEEN MARRIED THREE YEARS, AND I KNOW! YOU HAVE TO FIGHT AS HARD TO KEEP A HUSBAND AS YOU DO GETTING ONE!
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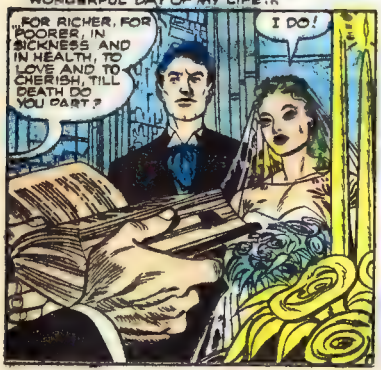
DRINK

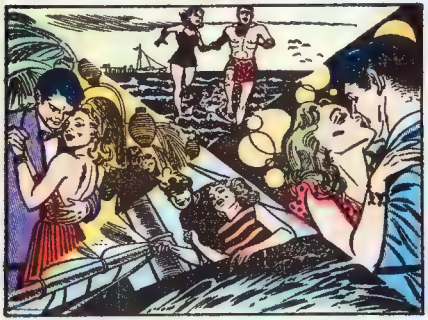
AND THAT MEANS KEEPING THAT TRIM FIGURE YOU'VE GOT AND LOOKING AS NEAT AND PRETTY AS YOU DO NOW!
THANKS FOR THE ADVICE, MARION, BUT THAT WEDDING BAND IS ALL I'LL NEED TO KEEP MY HUSBAND! 'BYE... SEE YOU AT THE WEDDING!
DRUGS

JUNE 22, 1952... THAT WAS THE MOST WONDERFUL DAY OF MY LIFE...

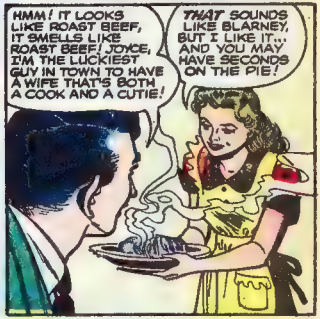


THE WEDDING RING WAS ON MY FINGER... AND FRED'S FIRST KISS AS MY HUSBAND WAS ON MY LIPS! I WAS THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD!

OUR HONEYMOON PLANE TICKETS READ "FLORIDA"... BUT THEY SHOULD HAVE SAID "HEAVEN", BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE I FELT I WAS FOR THOSE TWO WONDERFUL WEEKS...

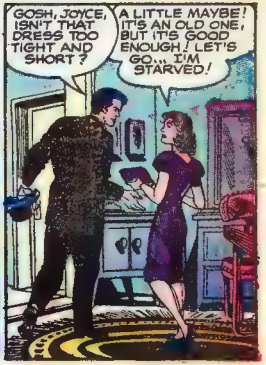


AND AFTER THE HONEYMOON I HAD SUCH FUN DECORATING OUR THREE ROOM APARTMENT AND SURPRISING FRED WITH MY CULINARY CREATIONS...


HMM! IT LOOKS LIKE ROAST BEEF, IT SMELLS LIKE ROAST BEEF! JOYCE, I'M THE LUCKIEST GUY IN TOWN TO HAVE A WIFE THAT'S BOTH A COOK AND A CUTIE!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE BLARNEY, BUT I LIKE IT... AND YOU MAY HAVE SECONDS ON THE PIE!

THE NEWNESS OF COOKING, CLEANING, STAYING HOME ALL DAY WAS FINE... FOR ABOUT 6 MONTHS! THEN I GOT TIRED OF IT!

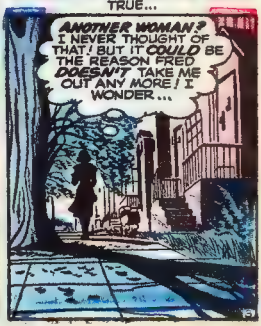
AFTER THAT I SLEPT UNTIL NOON EVERY DAY! THEN I LOUNGED AROUND IN A HOUSECOAT, UNTIL...



WHENEVER I GOT BORED WITH STAYING HOME DURING THE DAY, I'D TAKE A WALK DOWNTOWN AND WINDOW-SHOP! ONE DAY...

HOW'S MARRIED LIFE? ARE YOU HAVING ANY TROUBLE KEEPING THE SHE-WOLVES AWAY FROM THAT TERRIFIC HUSBAND OF YOURS?
FRED HASN'T LOOKED AT ANOTHER WOMAN SINCE WE'VE BEEN MARRIED!

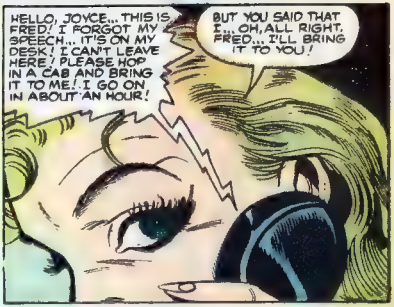
WE TALKED FOR A WHILE... AND AFTER MARION LEFT, I WONDERED IF WHAT I'D TOLD HER WAS REALLY TRUE...



MY SUSPICIONS WERE FURTHER AROUSED THAT EVENING, WHEN I SUGGESTED TO FRED THAT WE GO TO A MOVIE...
I CAN'T TONIGHT, JOYCE! I'VE GOT TO MAKE A SPEECH TO THE GIRLS' GRADUATING CLASS AT THE BUSINESS COLLEGE!
THEN LET ME GO WITH YOU!
NO, JOYCE! I'M SORRY, BUT WITH YOU THERE I'D GET NERVOUS AND RUIN MY SPEECH! 'BYE NOW!
'BYE!
NOW I'M SURE IT'S ANOTHER WOMAN!
TEARS FLOODED MY EYES AND I DROPPED INTO THE CHAIR AT FRED'S DESK! THRU MY TEAR-STAINED EYES I READ HIS HANDWRITING ON THE SHEET OF PAPER BEFORE ME...
The Importance of A Woman's Appearance
I CONTINUED READING... AND I COULD HEAR FRED'S VOICE PRONOUNCING EVERY WORD...
"A WOMAN'S GREATEST ASSET IN THE BUSINESS AND SOCIAL WORLD... AND AT HOME... IS HER PERSONAL APPEARANCE! WITHOUT IT YOU WON'T BE SUCCESSFUL IN BUSINESS... IN SOCIETY... OR IN MARRIAGE!"
"CROOKED STOCKING SEAMS TIP OFF ANY EMPLOYER THAT THE GIRL IS CARELESS..."
"WHEN YOUR SLIP IS SHOWING, THAT FURTHER INDICATES YOUR SLOPPINESS..."
"TIGHT SKIRTS AND SHORT DRESSES ARE NEVER RIGHT!"
"AND IS ANY WIFE BEAUTIFUL IN COLD CREAM AND CURLERS AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE?"

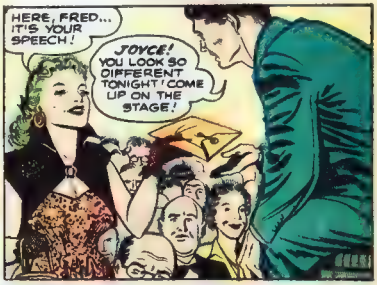
I READ EVERY WORD! AND WHEN I'D FINISHED, I WAS ASHAMED OF MYSELF!

THE SHARP RING OF THE TELEPHONE STOPPED THE TEARS WHICH WERE ABOUT TO BURST FORTH AGAIN...


HELLO, JOYCE... THIS IS FRED! I FORGOT MY SPEECH... IT'S ON MY DESK! I CAN'T LEAVE HERE! PLEASE HOP IN A CAB AND BRING IT TO ME! I GO ON IN ABOUT AN HOUR!
BUT YOU SAID THAT I... OH, ALL RIGHT, FRED... I'LL BRING IT TO YOU!

AN HOUR LATER I ENTERED THE AUDITORIUM! FRED WAS ALREADY ON THE STAGE, SO I HURRIED DOWN THE CENTER AISLE ...

THE ENTIRE HALL WAS BUZZING WITH WHISPERS BY THE TIME I REACHED THE STAGE... AND FRED LOOKED DOWN AT ME THE WAY HE DID WHEN WE FIRST MET...



I WANT YOU TO SIT WHERE EVERYBODY CAN SEE YOU! YOU'LL BE A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR MY SPEECH!
FRED, YOU BETTER START... EVERYBODY IS WATCHING!

THE HALL BURST INTO A STORM OF APPLAUSE, AND AS I SAT DOWN, I FELT MYSELF BLUSHING, BUT I WAS PROUD, AND SO MUCH WISER, AS I LISTENED TO THE WORDS THAT KEPT MY HUSBAND FROM LEAVING HOME...

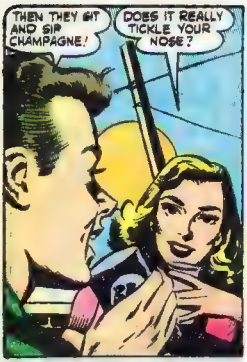
ATLAS
FOR THE BEST IN ROMANCE LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER!
ATLAS

SHE DIDN'T CARE IF THE WHOLE WORLD KNEW WHAT SHE WAS TRYING TO HIDE... AS LONG AS THE MAN SHE LOVED DIDN'T KNOW...

KATHY CARTER'S SECRET!

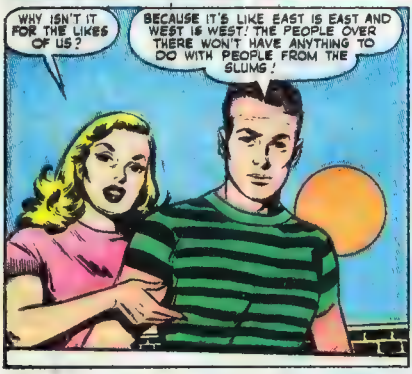
BILL KOVACK'S KISS MADE IT EASY FOR ME TO FORGET THAT I WAS PART OF THE SLUMS... PROBABLY BECAUSE I SHUT MY EYES WHEN HE KISSED ME...

BUT MY EYES WERE WIDE OPEN WHEN HE'D EMBRACE ME ON OUR TENEMENT ROOF-TOP... BECAUSE OVER HIS SHOULDER I COULD SEE THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF ANOTHER WORLD... A WORLD I WONDERED ABOUT...

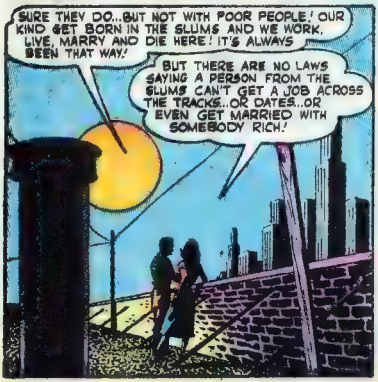

THEN THEY SIT AND SIP CHAMPAGNE!
DOES IT REALLY TICKLE YOUR NOSE?

SO 'TIS SAID! AND THEN THEY ORDER THEIR FOOD!
I WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO ORDER IN A FANCY PLACE LIKE THIS!

BUT IT ALL SOUNDS SO WONDERFUL, BILL!
SURE IT DOES, KATHY...BUT IT'S NOT FOR THE LIKES OF YOU AND ME!

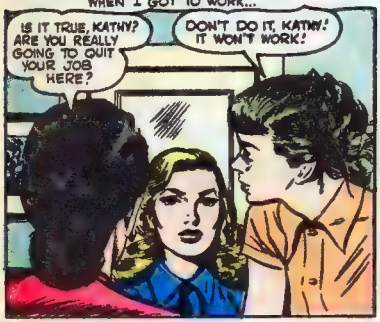

WHY ISN'T IT FOR THE LIKES OF US?
BECAUSE IT'S LIKE EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST! THE PEOPLE OVER THERE WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH PEOPLE FROM THE SLUMS!

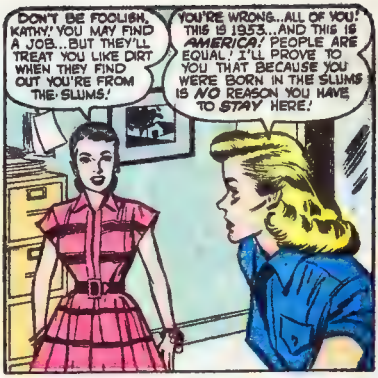
OH, BILL, YOU CAN'T REALLY MEAN THAT! THEY'RE PEOPLE, AREN'T THEY? THEY WORK, LIVE AND LAUGH JUST THE WAY WE DO!


SURE THEY DO...BUT NOT WITH POOR PEOPLE! OUR KIND GET BORN IN THE SLUMS AND WE WORK, LIVE, MARRY AND DIE HERE! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY!
BUT THERE ARE NO LAWS SAYING A PERSON FROM THE SLUMS CAN'T GET A JOB ACROSS THE TRACKS...OR DATES...OR EVEN GET MARRIED WITH SOMEBODY RICH!

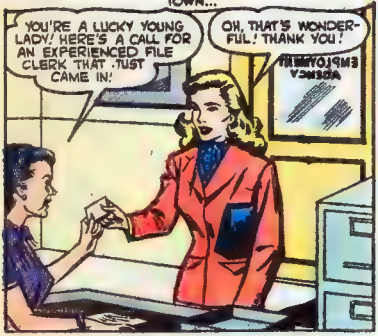
I TRIED IT ONCE, KATHY! I WORKED IN AN OFFICE AND WAS IN LINE FOR A GOOD JOB! BUT WHEN THE BOSS FOUND OUT I HAD NO FAMILY BACKGROUND AND CAME FROM THE SLUMS, I WAS FIRED!
ONE BAD BEAN IN THE BAG DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE WHOLE BAG IS ROTTEN! I'M SURE PEOPLE ARE THE SAME, RICH OR POOR...AND I'M GOING TO PROVE IT!

I'LL HAVE TO ADMIT THAT THE NEXT DAY I WAS SORRY I'D MADE THAT LAST REMARK...BUT IT WAS TOO LATE TO BACK OUT! BILL HAD SPREAD THE WORD...AND WHEN I GOT TO WORK...

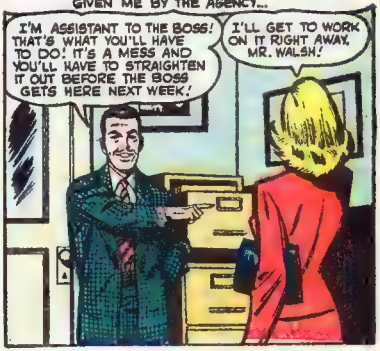



DON'T BE FOOLISH, KATHY! YOU MAY FIND A JOB...BUT THEY'LL TREAT YOU LIKE DIRT WHEN THEY FIND OUT YOU'RE FROM THE SLUMS!
YOU'RE WRONG...ALL OF YOU! THIS IS 1953...AND THIS IS AMERICA! PEOPLE ARE EQUAL! I'LL PROVE TO YOU THAT BECAUSE YOU WERE BORN IN THE SLUMS IS NO REASON YOU HAVE TO STAY HERE!

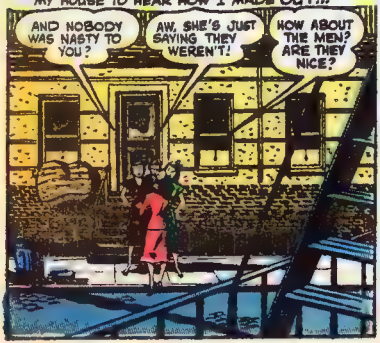
I QUIT MY JOB IN THE SLUMS AND WENT TO AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN...

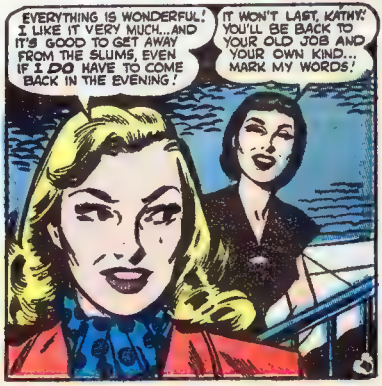


I WAS SO HAPPY, I MUST'VE FLOWN TO THE ADDRESS GIVEN ME BY THE AGENCY...


I'M ASSISTANT TO THE BOSS! THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL HAVE TO DO! IT'S A MESS AND YOU'LL HAVE TO STRAIGHTEN IT OUT BEFORE THE BOSS GETS HERE NEXT WEEK!
I'LL GET TO WORK ON IT RIGHT AWAY, MR. WALSH!

THAT NIGHT WHEN I GOT HOME I WAS TIRED...BUT OH, SO HAPPY! THE GIRLS WERE WAITING IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE TO HEAR HOW I MADE OUT...




EVERYTHING IS WONDERFUL! I LIKE IT VERY MUCH...AND IT'S GOOD TO GET AWAY FROM THE SLUMS, EVEN IF I DO HAVE TO COME BACK IN THE EVENING!
IT WON'T LAST, KATHY! YOU'LL BE BACK TO YOUR OLD JOB AND YOUR OWN KIND... MARK MY WORDS!

AS THE DAYS PASSED, EVERYTHING WENT ALONG FINE...UNTIL I ACCEPTED A DATE WITH THE BOSS'S ASSISTANT HARRY WALSH...

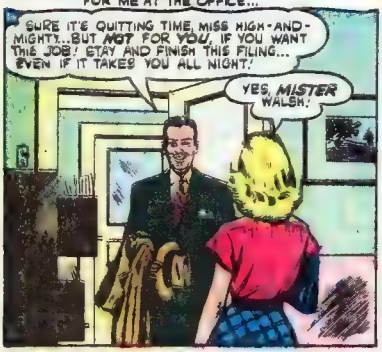
I HEAR YOU POOR GALS FROM THE SLUMS WILL DO ANYTHING TO GET AHEAD... OW-W-W!

SURE WE WILL...

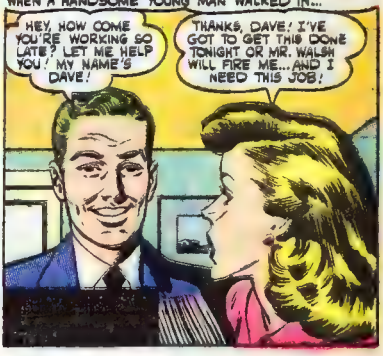
SLAP!

...EVEN WALK HOME!

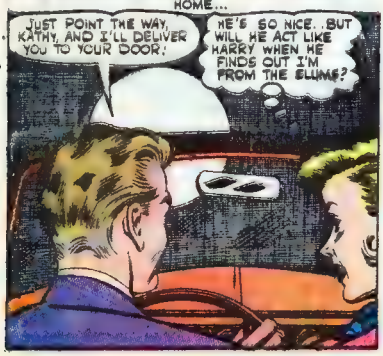
AFTER THAT, HARRY MADE IT AS NASTY AS HE COULD FOR ME AT THE OFFICE...


SURE IT'S QUITTING TIME, MISS HIGH-AND-MIGHTY...BUT NOT FOR YOU, IF YOU WANT THIS JOB! STAY AND FINISH THIS FILING... EVEN IF IT TAKES YOU ALL NIGHT!
YES, MISTER WALSH!

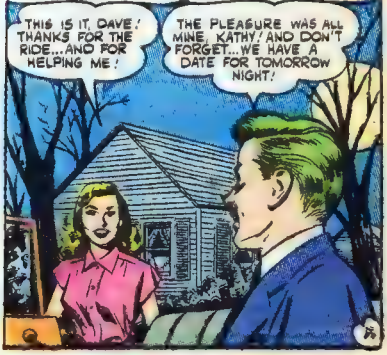
AT NINE O'CLOCK THAT NIGHT I WAS STILL WORKING, WHEN A HANDSOME YOUNG MAN WALKED IN...

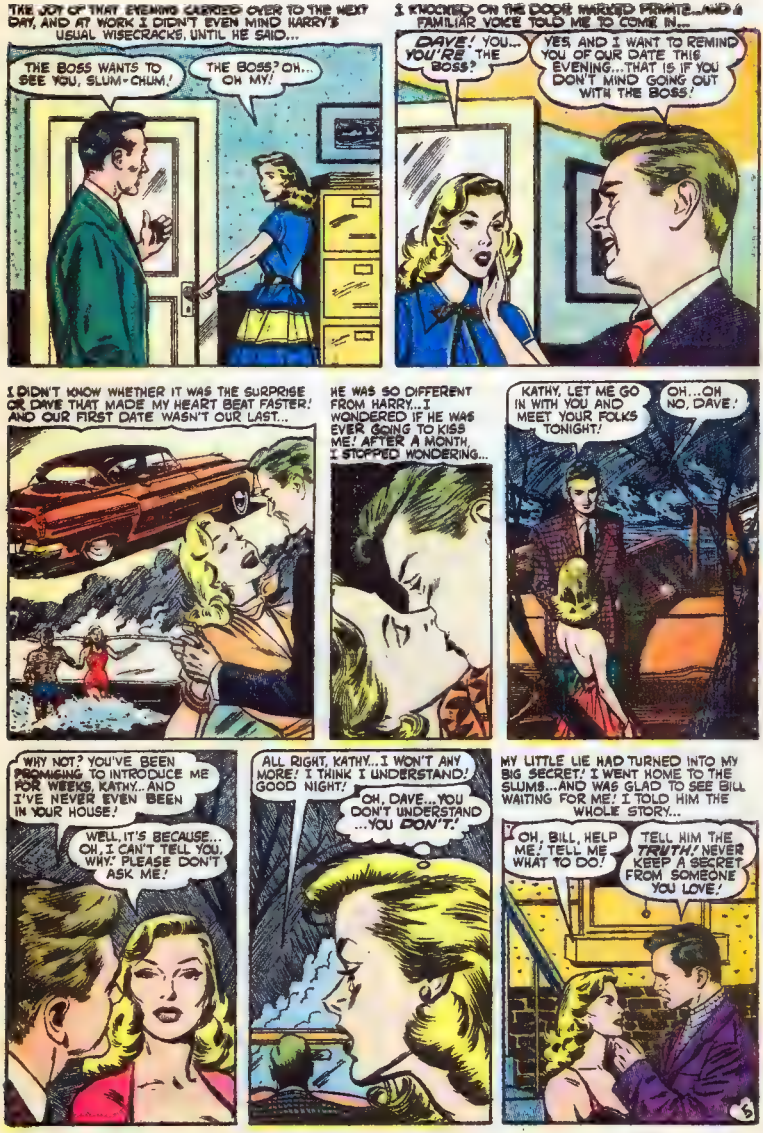

HEY, HOW COME YOU'RE WORKING SO LATE? LET ME HELP YOU! MY NAME'S DAVE!
THANKS, DAVE! I'VE GOT TO GET THIS DONE TONIGHT OR MR. WALSH WILL FIRE ME...AND I NEED THIS JOB!

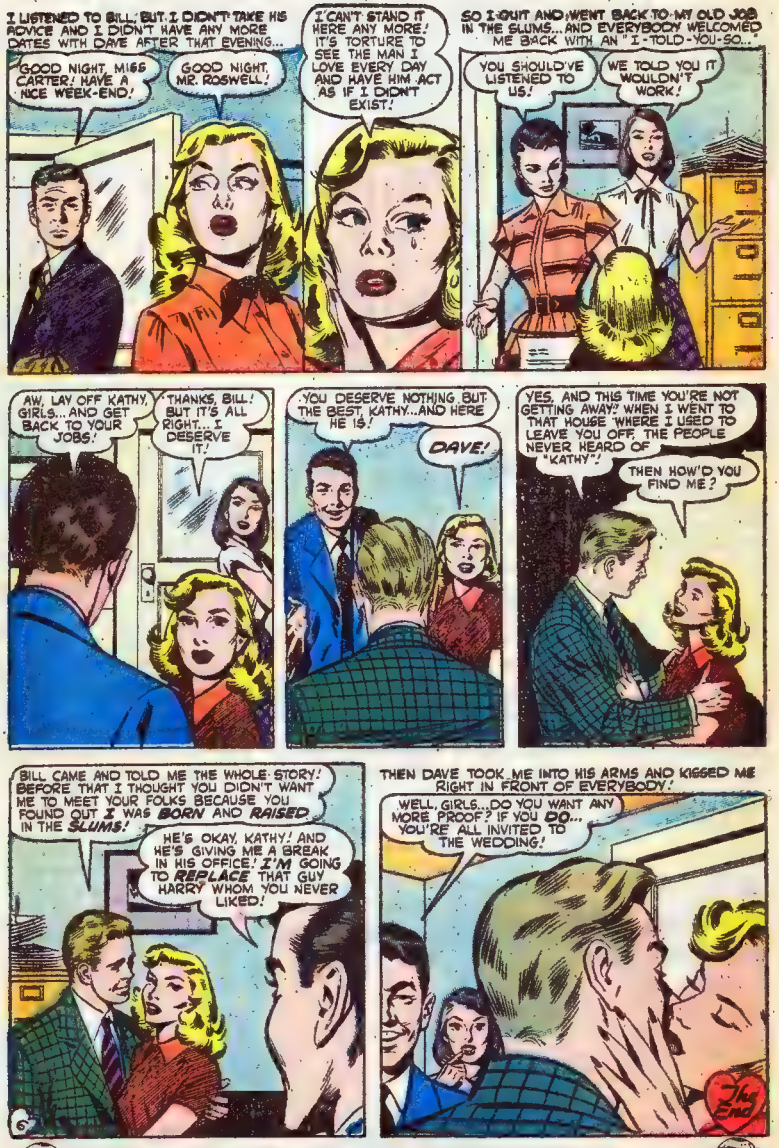
IT WAS ALMOST MIDNIGHT WHEN WE FINISHED THE FILING, THEN DAVE ASKED IF HE COULD DRIVE ME HOME...


JUST POINT THE WAY, KATHY, AND I'LL DELIVER YOU TO YOUR DOOR!
HE'S SO NICE...BUT WILL HE ACT LIKE HARRY WHEN HE FINDS OUT I'M FROM THE SLUMS?

SO I TOLD A LIE! I TOLD HIM I LIVED IN A CUTE LITTLE HOUSE WHICH I SPOTTED AHEAD FROM THE CAR...


THIS IS IT, DAVE! THANKS FOR THE RIDE...AND FOR HELPING ME!
THE PLEASURE WAS ALL MINE, KATHY! AND DON'T FORGET...WE HAVE A DATE FOR TOMORROW NIGHT!


THE JOY OF THAT EVENING CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT DAY, AND AT WORK I DIDN'T EVEN MIND HARRY'S USUAL WISECRACKS, UNTIL HE SAID...
THE BOSS WANTS TO SEE YOU, SLUM-CHUM!
THE BOSS? OH... OH MY!
I KNOCKED ON THE DOOR MARKED PRIVATE...AND A FAMILIAR VOICE TOLD ME TO COME IN...
DAVE! YOU... YOU'RE THE BOSS?
YES, AND I WANT TO REMIND YOU OF OUR DATE THIS EVENING...THAT IS IF YOU DON'T MIND GOING OUT WITH THE BOSS!
I DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER IT WAS THE SURPRISE OR DAVE THAT MADE MY HEART BEAT FASTER! AND OUR FIRST DATE WASN'T OUR LAST...
HE WAS SO DIFFERENT FROM HARRY...I WONDERED IF HE WAS EVER GOING TO KISS ME! AFTER A MONTH, I STOPPED WONDERING...
KATHY, LET ME GO IN WITH YOU AND MEET YOUR FOLKS TONIGHT!
OH...OH NO, DAVE!
WHY NOT? YOU'VE BEEN PROMISING TO INTRODUCE ME FOR WEEKS, KATHY...AND I'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN IN YOUR HOUSE!
WELL, IT'S BECAUSE... OH, I CAN'T TELL YOU, WHY! PLEASE DON'T ASK ME!
ALL RIGHT, KATHY...I WON'T ANY MORE! I THINK I UNDERSTAND! GOOD NIGHT!
OH, DAVE...YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ...YOU DON'T!
MY LITTLE LIE HAD TURNED INTO MY BIG SECRET! I WENT HOME TO THE SLUMS...AND WAS GLAD TO SEE BILL WAITING FOR ME! I TOLD HIM THE WHOLE STORY...
OH, BILL, HELP ME! TELL ME WHAT TO DO!
TELL HIM THE TRUTH! NEVER KEEP A SECRET FROM SOMEONE YOU LOVE!


I LISTENED TO BILL, BUT I DIDN'T TAKE HIS ADVICE AND I DIDN'T HAVE ANY MORE DATES WITH DAVE AFTER THAT EVENING...
GOOD NIGHT, MISS CARTER! HAVE A NICE WEEK-END!
GOOD NIGHT, MR. ROSWELL!
I CAN'T STAND IT HERE ANY MORE! IT'S TORTURE TO SEE THE MAN I LOVE EVERY DAY AND HAVE HIM ACT AS IF I DIDN'T EXIST!
SO I QUIT AND WENT BACK TO MY OLD JOB IN THE SLUMS... AND EVERYBODY WELCOMED ME BACK WITH AN "I-TOLD-YOU-SO..."
YOU SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO US!
WE TOLD YOU IT WOULDN'T WORK!
AW, LAY OFF KATHY, GIRLS... AND GET BACK TO YOUR JOBS!
THANKS, BILL! BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT... I DESERVE IT!
YOU DESERVE NOTHING BUT THE BEST, KATHY... AND HERE HE IS!
DAVE!
YES, AND THIS TIME YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY! WHEN I WENT TO THAT HOUSE WHERE I USED TO LEAVE YOU OFF, THE PEOPLE NEVER HEARD OF "KATHY"!
THEN HOW'D YOU FIND ME?
BILL CAME AND TOLD ME THE WHOLE STORY! BEFORE THAT I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T WANT ME TO MEET YOUR FOLKS BECAUSE YOU FOUND OUT I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE SLUMS!
HE'S OKAY, KATHY! AND HE'S GIVING ME A BREAK IN HIS OFFICE! I'M GOING TO REPLACE THAT GUY HARRY WHOM YOU NEVER LIKED!
THEN DAVE TOOK ME INTO HIS ARMS AND KISSED ME RIGHT IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY!
WELL, GIRLS... DO YOU WANT ANY MORE PROOF? IF YOU DO... YOU'RE ALL INVITED TO THE WEDDING!
The End
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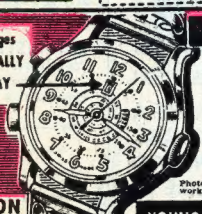

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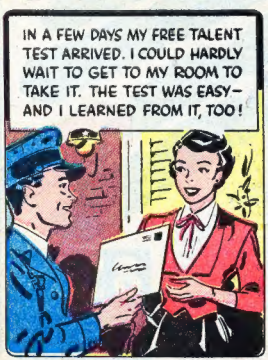

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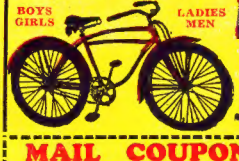

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